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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Keiji NAKAMURA et al. Conf. No. 2292  
Application No.: 10/824,381 Group: 2873  
Filed: April 15, 2004 Examiner: THOMPSON, Timothy  
For: OBJECTIVE LENS DRIVING APPARATUS

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the reasons for allowance have been noted and the following comments are respectfully submitted in the above-identified application.

**Remarks**

Claim 2 remains pending and stand allowed in the present application. The Examiner, in his Statement of Reasons for Allowance, states:

"...With the allowable feature being the [sic] a fixing portion having a surface substantially perpendicular to said surface to which said magnet is fixed, said fixing portion being fixed to said base by means of at least one screw."

Since this statement focuses on particular features of the claim, Applicants wish to point out that it is the claim as a whole, including the various interrelationships and

interconnections between the various claimed elements, which are not taught or suggested by the prior art. Accordingly, Applicants emphasize that claim 2 should be considered as a whole, taking into consideration the various interrelationships and interconnections between the various claimed elements, as being allowable over the prior art.

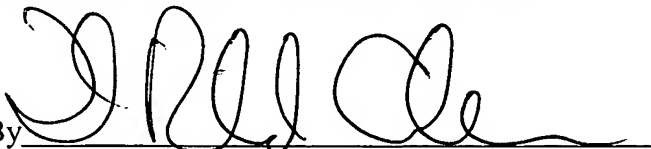
Conclusion

If the Examiner has any questions or needs to discuss any matters dealing with this application, he is requested to contact Jason W. Rhodes at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particular, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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